

**American Red Poll Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Friday, Sep 27, 2024
Lexington, TN**

Call to Order:

President David McCall

Roll Call:

Board members present in person: David McCall, Tim Montague, Gary Taylor, Brent Raines, Brant Sanders, John Rager, Phil Wyrick, Joe Jackson, Becky Ebersole.

Board members absent: Willard Gardner.

There were 27 voting members present and approximately 5 guests that signed in.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 13, 2023 Annual Meeting were presented. Brant Sanders moved to approve, and Tim Montague seconded. Motion passed.

Election of new members:

Moved by Gary Taylor, seconded by Bob Carson to accept the 32 new members that were on the list that was in the packet. Motion passed.

Committee reports:

National Meeting/Banquet/Sale committee:

Tim Montague reported that we have kept the expenses under budget and we have 42 lots here. We have sponsorships of \$3290. Tim introduced Alison Martin from the Livestock Conservancy who will be leading our workshop this afternoon.

Junior Association committee:

Becky Ebersole reported that we are getting ready for the show at the North American.

The 2025 junior preview show is being planned to be in Indiana. No dates are available currently.

Finance committee:

A financial report is attached in the packets effective Aug 31, 2024.

Edsel Belyew noted the balances in our accounts. Our funds are invested with Raymond James and is under the watch of a fiduciary.

It was also noted that Edsel Belyew is working on getting some unclaimed funds from Kansas of ~\$1400.

Our CPA does annual audits of our books each fall.

Publication committee:

Phil Wyrick noted that we need to consider bringing in a professional to run the magazine. We need advertising to grow the magazine. We welcome input on what everyone would like to see in the magazine. We are in the black financially.

National Show committee:

Jim Jackson noted that the show will be at the North American International Livestock Exposition on Tuesday Nov 19. The Red Angus show starts at 8:00 and the Red Poll follow at the conclusion of the Red Angus. Cattle can arrive starting at 6pm on Sunday thru 10am on Monday. Entries are due by Oct 8 so anything purchased in the National sale can be entered.

World Tour committee:

Jim Jackson read an email received from New Zealand asking for a report on the status of Red Polls in the USA and asking for someone who could regularly report on the US happenings. Gary Taylor volunteered to do this.

Nominations committee:

Tim Montague reported that going off the board is Joe Jackson, Brent Raines and John Rager. The 3 names that are nominated from the board for election are Edsel Belyew, Jeff Talbot and Joe Jackson.

Chaplain committee:

David McCall reported that the 3 names we knew of that had passed this last year were Jan Belyew, Don Burton and Bill Ebersole. Letters from each family will be read at the Banquet tonight.

Officer reports:

Jim Jackson also noted that he was moving so the address for ARPA would also change.

New business:

David McCall noted that from our advertising in the Progressive Cattleman publication, Jim Jackson has reported that he received 9 calls requesting sale catalogs after the first ad came out and then 6 more after the second ad came out. Phil Wyrick asked the membership for feedback on the advertising that has occurred.

Jeff Doll questioned if we need to consider raising our registration and transfer rates to help our income?

In addition to the 3 names nominated by the committee for election to the Board of Directors, nominations from the floor included Chet Miller. Each of the nominees gave a speech. After voting, the new directors elected included Jeff Talbot, Chet Miller and Joe Jackson.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Jim Jackson, Executive Secretary/Treasurer